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1. WE AGREE THAT WG STUDY ON AVERAGE MANNING LEVELS HAS
GONE AS FAR AS IT CAN WITH AVAILABLE INFORMATION AT HAND.
YOU MAY ACCEPT AD REF TEXT PROVIDED IN REF B, BUT SHOULD
MAKE FOLLOWING POINTS TO WG.

2. CONCERNING UK ADDITION TO PARA 19, WE ADMIT THAT IT MIGHT BE POSSIBLE TO DISAGGREGATE MANNING LEVEL PERCENTAGES FOR EACH DIRECT PARTICIPANT IN A MANNER ANALOGOUS TO THE DISAGGREGATION OF FIGURES IN THE ALLIED OFFER OF JULY 1977. HOWEVER, CALCULATION OF MANNING LEVEL PERCENTAGES ON DIVISION-LEVEL UNITS COULD BECOME A VERY INVOLVED AND DETAILED TASK.

3. PARA 22 STATES THAT COMBAT UNITS ARE USUALLY MANNED AT HIGHER LEVELS THAN SUPPORT UNITS. WITH REGARD TO US UNITS, THIS IS NOT ENTIRELY TRUE: FOR EXAMPLE, MANY SUPPORT UNITS WITH ESSENTIAL DAY-TO-DAY SUPPORT FUNCTIONS ARE OFTEN MAINTAINED AT HIGHER MANNING LEVELS THAN ARE SOME COMBAT UNITS.

4. FINALLY, WE CONTINUE TO BELIEVE THAT PARA 24A IS OVERLY SPECULATIVE IN THAT IT STATES THAT THE MOST PROBABLE WP FORMULA IS ACTUAL STRENGTHS AS COMPARED AGAINST PEACETIME AUTHORIZED STRENGTHS. THE EAST COULD CONCEIVABLY OBTAIN A LOWER PERCENTAGE AVERAGE MANNING LEVEL BY COMPARING ACTUAL STRENGTH (ACTIVE DUTY) TO STRUCTURE STRENGTH. VANCE

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